Grants to State Governments for Abolition and Rehabilitation of Bonded Labour

1427. SHRI S. W DHABE:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned to the State Governments for abolition and rehabilitation of bonded labour during the last three years;

(b) how much out of the above amount was actually utilised by the State Governments for the release and rehabilitation of bonded labour year-wise; and

(c) what are the reasons for the non-utilisation of the full amount sanctioned to the State Governments for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI DHARMA VIR): (a) A sum of Rs. 735.87 lakhs has been released to different State Governments towards the Central share of assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for rehabilitation of freed bonded labourers during the period from 1981-82 to 1983-84. There is, however, no scheme for giving financial assistance to the State Governments for the purpose of identification and release of bonded labourers as such.

(b) As against the sum of Rs. 735.87 lakhs released during the aforesaid three years, the State Governments have furnished the utilisation certificates in support of expenditure incurred by them for a sum of Rs. 300.03 lakhs. The year-wise details are as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Amount released	Utilisation Certificate received for
1981-82	249·75	190·58
1982-83	269·05	109·45
983-84	217·07	..
TOTAL :	735·87	300.03

(c) The balance amount is reported to be in the process of utilisation. Rehabilitation of freed bonded labourers is a time-consuming process and it depends upon a number of factors such as economic, geographical and agroclimatic conditions, and is characterised by limitations on account of lack of ready availability of inputs and assets to be supplied to the freed bonded labourers. As such, the possibility of some delay in the utilisation of funds for rehabilitation of bonded labourers cannot be ruled out.

Theft of Electricity in Delhi

1428. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some cases of theft of electricity and unauthorised power loads by small industrial consumers in Delhi have come to the notice of Government;

(b) if so, what is the number of such cases and the amount involved;

(c) whether any study has been made to find out the connivance of Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking (DESU) officials; and

(d) what action is being taken against those official found responsible for this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) During the year 1983-84, 32 cases of theft of energy involving an amount of Rs. 1.22 lakhs were detected by DESU. In the course of detection of these cases no connivance of DESU officials was established.

(d) Does not arise.

Imports of penultimates for production of drugs by Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd.

1429. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Antibiotics Limited has resorted to imports of penultimates for the production of Gentamycin and Streptomycin;

(b) if so, what are the names of these intermediates and since when are they being imported by Hindustan Antibiotics Limited;

(c) whether it is also a fact that instead of concentrating on basic production, this undertaking has resorted to unhealthy practices; and

(d) whether imports of such penultimates were made with the approval of Government Directors on the Board of the undertaking and if so, what action has been taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) Before the commissioning of Gentamycin Plant in December, 1983, Hindustan Antibiotics Limited imported intermediates-CCA|CABX as per terms of foreign collaboration agreement with Medimpex|Chinoin, Hungary.

Some quantities of Streptomycin CCC intermediate were also imported by Hindustan Antibiotics Limited for conducting trial runs and to tie over the problems in Fermentation Section of Hindustan Antibiotics Limited's Plant.

(c) Currently production of Gentamycin and a substantial part of production of Streptomycin by Hindustan Antibiotics Limited is from the basic stage.

(d) The import of intermediates is regulated by the Import Policy of the Government and does not require the approval of the Board of Directors of the Company.

Notices to Drug Companies for recovery of unintended profits

1430. SHRI K. MOHANAN:
SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:
SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 809 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th July, 1984 and state the names of drug manufacturing companies against which notices for the recovery of unintended profits have been issued?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): A statement showing the names of the drug manufacturing companies who have been issued notices for recovery of unintended profits into the Drugs Prices Equalisation Account is attached. (*See below*).